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TAGS: CDES (VAN ROYEN, ROBERT LOUIS)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF ROBERT LOUIS VAN ROYEN

FOR SCA ADMINISTRATOR WATSON

1. FRANKFURT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NOTIFIED CONGEN TELEPHONICALLY THE MORNING OF WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 OF SUBJECT'S DEATH AND FURNISHED WHAT HOSPITAL OFFICIAL ASSURED WAS ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AMONG SUBJECT'S EFFECTS INCLUDING PASSPORT. THAT INFORMATION SENT DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY (FRANKFURT'S 1426) WITH SUBJECT'S US HOME ADDRESS, ASKING DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE REGARDING ACTION TAKEN. WHEN NO REPLY RECEIVED CONGEN AGAIN REQUESTED DEPARTMENT ON MONDAY MARCH 11 (FRANKFURT'S 1514) FOR STATUS REPORT. DEPARTMENT REPLIED ON THURSDAY MARCH 14 THAT IT STILL SEARCHING FOR SUBJECT'S PASSPORT APPLICATION.

2. CONGEN REPEATEDLY IN CONTACT WITH HOSPITAL DURING THIS TIME, BUT WHEN NOTIFIED BY DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 14 THAT IT STILL SEARCHING FOR PASSPORT APPLICATION, PHONED HOSPITAL ONCE MORE TO REQUEST RE-CHECK OF SUBJECT'S EFFECTS. THIS TIME HOSPITAL OFFICIAL PRODUCED THE INFORMATION IN CONGEN'S 1609. CONGEN STILL DID NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT CARRIE VAN ROYEN WAS SUBJECT'S WIFE.

3. CONGEN TOOK POSSESSIONS SUBJECT'S EFFECTS ON APRIL 2. EFFECTS WERE IN SECURE AREA OF HOSPITAL WHERE ALL PATIENTS EFFECTS KEPT, AND SAFELY GUARDED AT ALL TIMES. CONGEN RECEIVES ABOUT ONE NOTIFICATION OF DEATH OF AMCIT PER DAY, AND USUALLY NOK APPEARS WITHIN A FEW DAYS TO TAKE POSSESSION EFFECTS. FOR THIS REASON, CONGEN HAS GENERALLY NOT IMMEDIATELY TAKEN POSSESSION DECEASED'S EFFECTS WHEN

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THEY SECURE WITH POLICE, COURT, OR LARGE HOSPITAL (BOTH GERMAN AND

US ARMED FORCES). FYI TWO SUITCASES ALSO TAKEN INTO POSSESSION BY AMCONGEN AMSTERDAM.

4. FS-192 SHOWS ONLY THAT MRS VAN ROYEN TELEGRAPHICALLY INFORMED AT CANOGA PARK ADDRESS. THIS WAS POSSIBLE ADDRESS OF NOK GIVEN IN CONGEN 1609. GONGEN LEARNED AFTERWARDS FROM TELEDYNE EMPLOYEE THAT SUBJECT STAYED TEMPORARILY AT THIS ADDRESS AT TIMES WHILE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

5. POSSIBILITY THEFT ANY PORTION SUBJECT'S EFFECTS EXTREMELY SLIGHT, UNLESS AT AIRPORT OR WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED WITH SUBJECT BY AMBULANCE TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

6. ALL EFFECTS IN CONGEN'S POSSESSION FORWARDED NOK ABOUT APRIL 18. HARLAN

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